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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Correction to G-3 Report No. 322: Corps boundary changes of Ninth Army are not yet effective as reported in G-3 Report No. 322.

Boundary between I French Corps and II French Corps: As before to LAUTENBACH R4718 (to I Fr Corps) - thence ENZKLOSTERLE R5408 - PFALZGRAFENWEILER W6293 - ALTHEIM W6686 (all to I Fr Corps) - HORD W7183 (to both corps) - thence along the NECKAR River to ROTTWEIL W6752 - thence along road to SPAICHINGEN W7543 - TUTTLINGEN W8032 - thence along DONAU River to SIGMARINGEN X1143 (all to I Fr Corps).

Boundary between VI and XXI Corps: As before to GEISLINGEN S5505 (to VI Corps) - thence WESTERSTETTEN X6393 - BEIMERSHETTEN X6789 - X6987 - PFAFFENHFN X7975 - BIBERACH X8368 - KRUMBACH X9564 (all to VI Corps).

Boundary change between XIII Corps and XIX Corps: As before to PEINE X7016 (to XIX Corps) - then along autobahn to BARNEKE Y1913 - WOLMIRSTEDT Y6612 - CR Y6912 - BURG Y8115 - ZIESAR Z1017 (all to XIII Corps with running rights to XIX Corps through ZIESAR Z1017).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (231200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. (Army Troops). 14th French Division. No change.

I French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. (With 3d Choc Gp and CC3 1st Fr Armd Div atchd). Continued its advance south against very weak resistance. An advance of up to ten miles on a thirty-mile front was made. Front line change: NEUENBURG V8713 - V9612 - V9820 - W0125 - W0327 - W1630 - W2247. 4th French Mountain Division. (With 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Advanced southwest directed on BOHDORF W4614 and occupied BRAUNLINGEN W5326 and DOGGINGEN W5221. All roads leading east from the BLACK Forest were blocked. Front line change: W5326 - W5221. 1st French Armored Division. (Less CC3 and with 2d Choc Gp atchd). Continued to exert pressure south and east. A gain of up to eight miles was made to the south and of up to eighteen miles to the east; only intermittent opposition was met. Combat Command "3" was attached to the 9th Colonial Division. Front line change: X0621 - X1023 - OSTRACH X2230 - X3227 - ALTSHSN X3527 - SAULGAU X3237 - X4336 - BUCHAU X4042 - UTENWEILER X4051 - X3755.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Advanced south up to ten miles on an eighteen-mile front and occupied towns within its zone of advance. North of the NECKAR River in the SCHONBUCH Forest R9400 an enemy pocket of an estimated nineteen hundred men remained to be mopped up. Front line change: W7975 - W8372 - W9170 - W9272 - SCHLATT W9672 - X0374 - X0780. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "5" occupied BELSEN W9677, WILLMADINGEN X0576, BRUNNWEILER X0486, GÖNNINGEN X0582 and PFULLINGEN X1086 behind the left flank of the 2d Moroccan Division. Combat Command "4" and Combat Command "6" closed in the vicinity of KUPPINGEN R8202. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors and 152d Inf atchd). Continued to mop up west of STUTTGART S0423 and attacked an enemy pocket north of the city.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 36th Division. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Advanced to the line of the NECKAR River S1417 - S2109 behind the 103d Division. The 398th Infantry continued to assemble in the

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vicinity of S2237. 103d Division. Gained up to ten miles southwest. The 409th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of S3226. Front line change: X1288 - X1491 - X1593 - NEUFFEN X2196 - X2597. 44th Division. On the right, units advanced up to three miles west on a four-mile front. On the left, the 324th Infantry was fighting in BAD UBERKINGEN S5202 and GEISLINGEN S5505. Front line change: X3093 - X3189 - X3488 and S5505. 10th Armored Division. Units captured JUSTINGEN X4278 and a bridge over the SCHMIECHEN River in the vicinity of HUTTEN X4076. The DONAU River was reached in the vicinity of X4865 after an advance of ten miles south on a seventeen-mile front. Front line change: X4060 - X4462 - X5267 - X5381 - X5384 - X4889.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. On the left, units advanced up to two miles. Front line change: S6445. 4th Division. Gained up to six miles. Units entered AALEN S7329 and ELLWANGEN S7543. Front line change: S7329 - S6941. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" captured a bridge over the DONAU River in the vicinity of DILLINGEN T0400. Armored Infantry crossed the bridge and captured FRISTINGEN Y0899. Combat Command "B" reached the area T1005 while Combat Command "R" operated on the left flank and gained up to twelve miles east. Front line change: T0400 - Y0899 - Y0999 - T1300 - T1005 - T0907 - T1913 - T1424 - T0824 - T1131. 101st Cavalry Group. Operated in the vicinity of S8443.

XV Corps. 42d Division. Occupied GUNZENHAUSEN T2062 and a bridge over a stream in that vicinity. Other units captured ARSBERG T2965 and a bridge over the ALTMUHL River in the vicinity of T2358. A total advance of twelve miles on a seven-mile front was made. Front line change: T1861 - T2153 - T2552. 45th Division. Advanced up to twelve miles on an eight-mile front. PLEINFIELD T3761 and WALTING T4261 were captured. Front line change: T2952 - T3653 - T4256. 14th Armored Division. Units captured ALLERSBG T5178 and EYSOLDEM T5365. Front line change: T5365. 106th Cavalry Group. Operated in the vicinities of T4564 and T4765. 3d Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of S6085.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII British Corps. 5th Division. Advanced to the line of the ELBE River within its zone and captured NEU DARCHAU T1119. Front line change: ELBE River line T1415 - T0026.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. Advanced up to two miles north and three miles west. The 160th Brigade continued to mop up in rear areas and reverted to command of the 53d Division. Front line change: S3248 - S2746 - S2549 - S2344 - S1640 - S1436 - S1231. Guards Armored Division. Advanced seven miles north on a narrow front. Front line change: S0941 - S0838. 53d Division. The 71st Brigade continued fighting in HETZWEGE S1112.

XXX Corps. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atched). Gained three miles north on a three-mile front. The 8th Armored Brigade was attached to the division. Front line change: W9994 - W9896 - W9795 - W9593. 52d Division. Captured ARBERGEN W7994, BASSEN W9197 and UPHUSEN W8293 against little opposition. An advance of one mile north was made. Front line change: W9197 - SCHAPHUSEN W8897 - W7994.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. 6th Canadian Infantry advanced up to seven miles northeast on a one-mile front. Front line change: W4493 - W4293. 1st Polish Armored Division. Units made a gain of four miles east. Front line change: Q9105. 3d Canadian Division. 8th Canadian Brigade advanced north one mile and captured WEEENER Q7408 and BUNDE Q6810. The 7th Canadian Brigade was relieved by units of the 5th Canadian Armored Division north of the DELFZIJL Q4626 - GRONINGEN Q2214 Canal. Front line change: Q7408 - Q6810. 5th Canadian Armored Division. Relieved units of the 3d Canadian Division. Forward units were on the line Q4618 - Q4229.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. Advanced west four miles on a six-mile front. Reconnaissance units reached Z7129. Front line change: Z3808 - Z3802 - Z3801 - Z4200. 49th Division. Met very light opposition and advanced one mile east. Front line change: E4690 - E4888 - E5088.

AIR. (23 Apr). Eighth Air Force: No operations due to adverse weather conditions. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: No operations. The Tactical Air Commands flew 174 sorties. Claims included 18 enemy aircraft on the ground and 184 motor transport.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Scattered showers. Clouds: Broken except in showers where overcast. Visibility: 3 - 5 miles at dawn, becoming 5 - 7 miles by 1000E, except in showers where limited to 2 miles. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 59° F. Minimum 44° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance on the Third Army front was light and scattered. (Army Troops). 47th Infantry (non-div), 70th Division, 80th Division and 16th Armored Division. All no change. 4th Armored Division. Placed in 12th Army Group Reserve and commenced movement to the Third Army area.

III Corps. 86th Division. Advanced southeast up to four miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: HAGSBRONN T3167 - SPALT T3269 - T3970. 14th Armored Division. Passed to III Corps control from XV Corps at 231200B. Advanced south up to one mile and reached MINDORF T5567. Front line change: T5567. 20th Armored Division. Passed to the control of XV Corps (Seventh Army) in place at 231200B. 14th Cavalry Group. Advanced southeast up to five miles and reached the vicinity of T7375. Front line change: T7375.

XX Corps. 65th Division. Advanced south on a nineteen-mile front and gained up to ten-miles. Front line change: T7776 - T8570 - T9070 - T9271 - BERATZHAUSEN T9763 - T9863 - LAABER U0260. 71st Division. Advanced southeast on a ten-mile front and gained up to nineteen miles. The 5th Infantry Regiment captured SCHWANDORF U1790. Front line change: U1475 - U1377 - U1487 - U1790. 3d Cavalry Group. Advanced southeast up to eight miles on an eleven-mile front. Front line change: U0457 - U0756 - U0954 - U1660 - REGENSTAUF U2067 - U1268.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Advanced southeast on a fourteen-mile front and gained up to twelve-miles. The 104th Infantry captured NIEN P3604. Front line change: STEINBERG U2384 - U2585 - U2884 - U3284 - U3488 and U4197 - P3604 - P2611. 11th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" advanced southeast up to twenty-one miles and captured the bridges intact over the REGEN River in MILTACH U6674 and the bridges in the vicinity of U5081 and U5088. Front line change: U5081 - U6674 - CHAM U5880 - U5088. 90th Division. Advanced east up to seven miles on an eighteen-mile front. Front line change: P3018 - P3123 - P3127 - P3429 - P3532 - P3632 - P3638 - P3413 - P3347. 2d Cavalry Group. Advanced east up to two miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: P2962 - P2867. 97th Division. The 387th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of P1165. The 303d Infantry and the 306th Infantry occupied front line positions in the vicinity of P2275 and P1993 - K1402. Front line change: P2275 and P1993 - K1402.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 78th Division. (With 112th RCT atchd). No change. 7th Armored Division. The division was placed in SHAEF Reserve.

VIII Corps. No change.

V Corps. 69th Division. All organized resistance ceased in EILENBURG E1029. The 271st Infantry continued to mop up. Front line change: E4029.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With 60th Inf atchd). A task force cleared all enemy resistance in the area north of DESLAU E1068 between the ELBE and MULDE Rivers. The remainder of the division maintained its defenses along the west bank of the MULDE River. 9th Division. (Less 60th Inf and with 4th Cav Gp atchd). The 4th Cavalry Group was detached, but remained under operational control of the 9th Division until completion of the present operation. The 47th Infantry was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of KOTHEN D9258. 1st Division. Relieved by the 8th Armored Division (Ninth Army). The division commenced to close in an assembly area in the vicinity of BLANKENHEIM D5629. Major General ALBERT E BROWN O3409 assumed command on the 21st of April.

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XVIII Airborne Corps. No change.

NINTH ARMY. XIX Corps. 83d Division. (With CCR 2d Armd Div and 113th Cav Gp atchd). Combat Command "R" was relieved from attachment and reverted to the control of the 2d Armored Division. 2d Armored Division. (Less CCR). Combat Command "R" reverted to division control.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry Regiment. No change. 175th Infantry Regimont. Continued to clear the enemy from the woods in the vicinity of Y2055. 84th Division. Cleared the woods in the vicinity of T4902 of all organized enemy resistance. 29th Division. (Less 175th Inf). Advanced northeast up to seven miles on a seven-mile front against little or no resistance. Commenced to relieve the 5th Armored Division. Front line change: Y3699 - T3305 - T2806. 5th Armored Division. Advanced north on a twelve miles front and gained up to two-miles against scattered resistance. Combat Command "R" captured DAINENBERG T2505 and KITZACKER T2111. Front line change: T2806 - T2111 - T1315. 11th Cavalry Group. Continued to clear the enemy from the woods in the vicinity of Y4072.

XVI Corps. No change.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division. (With 422d and 423d RCTs atchd). The 423d Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of X6537. 106th Division. (Less 422d and 423d RCTs). No change. 115th Cavalry Group. No change.

XXIII Corps. Assumed control of STADTKREIS KOBLENZ and LANDKREIS KOBLENZ east of the RHINE River.

XXII Corps. 82d Airborne Division. Placed in SHAEF Reserve in place. The division prepared to move to the Ninth Army area. 94th Division. Commenced to relieve units of the 8th Division in REG BEZ COLOGNE east of the RHINE River. 16th Cavalry Group. Attached to XXII Corps Artillery.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 232400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	72,685	294,585	35,786	9,723	412,780
Non-battle					311,780
Total Casualties					724,560

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: 6th Army Group HEIDELBERG R6990; VI Corps GOPPINGEN S4113; XXI Corps CRAILSHEIM S7062; 4th Division S7350; 42d Division T2476; 45th Division T4477; 63d Division S5853; 103d Division S2607; 12th Armored Division S9131; 101st Airborne Division MERCHINGEN S2890.

21 Army Group: I Canadian Corps E6495; 1st Canadian Division E5997.

12th Army Group: 9th Division KOTHEN D9258; 29th Division LUCHOW Y3091; 65th Division VELEBURG T8677; 71st Division SULZBACH-ROSENBERG 08908; 90th Division NEUSTADT P1935; 95th Division ERWITTE B4135; 11th Armored Division STAMSRIED U4885; 13th Armored Division ESHENAU 05014; 14th Armored Division HILPOLSTEIN T5171.

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